

Section 2. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. section 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No.: 10/206,226, filed on July 29, 2002.

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

US PATENTS

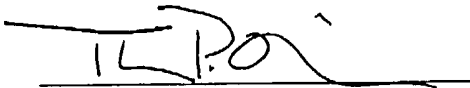
US 2,774,686 to Hodge, issued 12/1956; ~~OT~~
US 3,055,771 to Sprowl, issued 09/1962; ~~OT~~
US 4,655,852 to Rallis, issued 04/1987; and ~~OT~~
US 5,853,806 to Higuchi et al., issued 12/1998. ~~OT~~

Section 3. Identification of Persons Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The persons making this certification are:

the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information in the practitioner's file.

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